

Local Enterprise, Global Reach



A Better Future for Northern Ireland:
**Sustaining Communities & Strengthening
Democracy through Councils**

NILGA Annual Conference,
Exhibition & Gala Awards Dinner

12th October 2017
La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh



DRAFT AGENDA

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Conference Host – Noel Thompson

SESSION ONE: OPENING POLITICAL PLATFORMS

830 - 930	Registration
930 - 935	Welcome to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council <i>Mayor & First Citizen, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</i>
935 - 955	Keynote Addresses: National / Regional Government <i>Relevant Ministers - Invited</i>
955 - 1005	NILGA Response – Local Government <i>Alderman Arnold Hatch, NILGA President</i>
1005 - 1015	SOLACE Address <i>SOLACE Chair, Dr Theresa Donaldson</i>
1015 - 1035	Plenary Session / Q&A
1035 - 1100	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with sponsors / exhibitors

SESSION TWO: SUSTAINING COMMUNITIES - SHAPING PLACES & DRIVING THE ECONOMY

1100 - 1115	Keynote Address: Department for Communities – Councils Front & Centre <i>Minister / Permanent Secretary - Invited</i>
1115 - 1140	Shaping Places: Corporate, Constituent Councillors for the 21st Century? <i>Professor Colin Copus, Local Governance Research Unit, De Montfort University</i> <i>Alderman Stephen Martin, Chair, NILGA Elected Member Training Group</i>
1140 - 1200	Driving the Economy: Growing an Effective Enterprise Landscape with Councils <i>Principal Sponsor's Address – (Invest NI) - Invited</i>
1200 - 1220	Plenary Session / Q&A
1220 - 1345	Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors

SESSION THREE: STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY – People Centred Growth

1345 - 1405	Keynote Address: Municipalities – Equality, Enterprise & Infrastructure <i>Dr Greg Munro, General Secretary, Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)</i>
1405 - 1450	Embedding the LOCAL into Programmes for Government <i>A Case Study - EER Partner Region of Southern Denmark - Invited</i> <i>Interactive Session – (Stratagem NI) – To Be confirmed</i>
1450 - 1505	Plenary Session / Q&A
1505 - 1530	Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors

SESSION FOUR: NI FIT FOR THE FUTURE? THE LOCAL IMPACT of GLOBAL ISSUES

1530 - 1610	Brexit Made Local, Brexit Made Real <i>Two Contrasting Analyses</i>
1610 - 1640	Transformation in (i) Business & (ii) Government – What's It All Mean Locally? <i>(i) Ken Nelson, Inter Trade Ireland</i> <i>(ii) Steve Thomas CBE, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)</i>
1640 – 1700	Motivational Address: A Manifesto for Community Wealth <i>Neil McInroy, Centre for Local Economic Studies</i>
1700	NILGA Conference Delegates Technology & Tourism Prize Draws
	Conference Close & Local Government Gala Awards Prelude